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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 13

1. NYT (PAGE 1) BERNIE GWERTZMAN REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS THAT ANGOLAN VICTORY WAS NOT WON BY MPLA BUT BY 12,000 MEMBER CUBAN FORCE BACKED BY $300 MILLION IN SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT. MICROWAVE RADIATION IN MOSCOW EMBASSY AND FACT THAT ADMINISTRATION WILL MAKE A COUNTERPROPOSAL ON SALT IN WEEK OR SO ALSO MENTIONED.

2. NYT EDITORIAL STATES THAT NO ONE SHOULD MAKE LIGHT OF MASSIVE CUBAN-SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BUT THAT "KREMLIN HAS FALLEN ON ITS FACE IN PREVIOUS AFRICAN ADVENTURES" AND CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE LIKELY SOON TO DISCOVER THEY HAVE WORN-OUT THEIR WELCOME.

3. VICTOR ZORZA IN POST ASSERTS THAT KREMLIN IS CIRCULATING FORGED POLITICAL "TESTAMENT" BY CHOU IN WHICH LATTER CALLS ON NATION TO FOLLOW POLICIES FAVORED BY MOSCOW.

4. SUN (PAGE 2) CARRIES AP STORY THAT YESTERDAY
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CHINA REPORTED "FACE TO FACE STRUGGLES AGAINST SOVIET

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ARMED INTRUDERS" ON NORTHWEST FRONTIER.

5. SUN (PAGE 5) REPORTS ON ELLIOT RICHARDSON ATLANTIC MONTHLY ARTICLE WHICH STATES THAT NIXON JUSTIFIED FIRING OF ARCHIBALD COX BY CITING WHAT SOVIET LEADERS WOULD THINK OF HIM IF HE DIDN'T ACT.

6. WSJ (WASHINGTON WIRE - PAGE 1) SAYS ANGOLAN GAINS BY SOVIET BACKED SIDE "STIR DEEP CONCERN AMONG U.S. STRATEGISTS" WHO FEAR A RADICAL RULED ANGOLA WILL BE BASE FOR SOVIET FINANCED RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA".

7. WSJ (PAGE 8) REPRINTS EXCERPTS OF RONALD REAGAN SPEECH DEALING WITH DETENTE IN WHICH HE SAYS U.S. MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AT BARGAINING TABLE "WILL GIVE UP AS LITTLE AS THEY HAVE TO AND TAKE AS MUCH AS THEY CAN GET".

8. STAR EDITORIAL CLAIMS REAGAN CORRECTLY SENSES THAT TIME IS RIGHT TO RALLY HIS PARTY'S DOUBTERS AGAINST FORD-KISSINGER STRATEGIC POLICIES SINCE ANGOLA IMBROGLIO HAS BECOME MAJOR EMBARASSMENT TO DETENTE. INGERSOLL

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